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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Summer Everyone!

Great to see the warm weather return and it looks like we are starting to get back to the "new" normal. We are seeing restrictions being lifted across the Territory and travel beginning. The Det'on Cho team has navigated the last year as best as possible. We have been able to maintain business continuity with minimal negative impacts. We were even able to generate 250 jobs all of which were posted on our website at: <https://www.detoncho.com/careers>

As we get back to normal in the Territory and at Det'on Cho we are focused on a number of key initiatives. First and foremost is the highly publicized housing initiative. We are incredibly excited to support YKDFN in this exciting project to bring much needed housing to the community. Next is the ongoing work at Giant Mine. We continue to work closely with YKDFN in positioning ourselves for the best contracts and opportunities for our community members to take advantage of. Lastly, we will be supporting a number of community events so you will definitely see us out and about.

We are excited about the future and continue to focus on new opportunities, diversification where possible and developing YKDFN members for the future. I hope you all have a wonderful summer with family and friends.

Mahsi Cho,
Paul Gruner

SUMMER SAFETY

Stay cool in the heat:

Keep cool and hydrated and minimize your time in the sun between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Drink plenty of water, find shade, visit cool buildings, slow down, bathe in cool water and wear light-coloured clothing. Never leave children or pets inside a parked vehicle. When the outside air temperature is 23°C, the temperature inside a vehicle can be extremely dangerous – more than 50°C.



Nechalacho Update

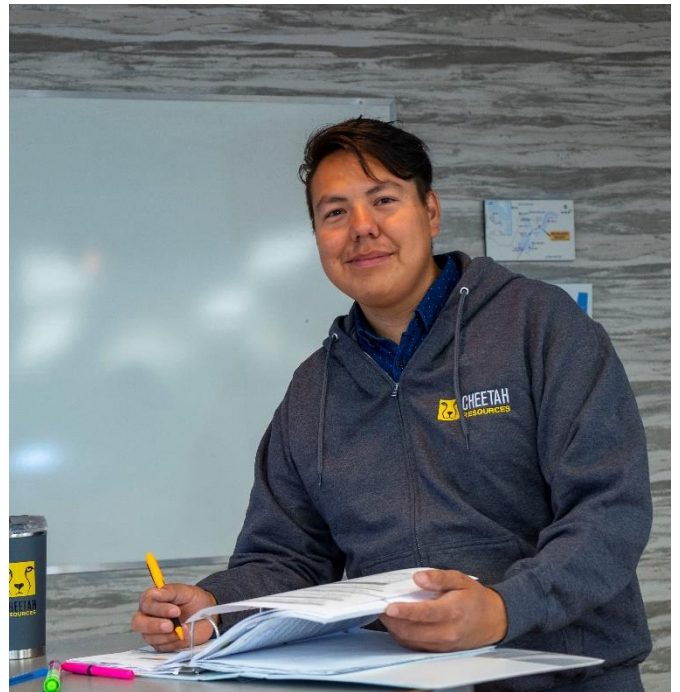
Det'on Cho Starts Mining at the Nechalacho Rare Earth Demonstration Project

Det'on Cho organizations are working with an Australian mining company on a new project in the Northwest Territories. Det'on Cho Logistics safely delivered equipment and supplies by ice road to the *Nechalacho Rare Earth Demonstration Project* this spring. And now, Det'on Cho Nahanni is mining on the site located on Chief Drygeese Territory 100 kms southeast of Dettah.

This is a historic moment. The Yellowknives Dene are the first Indigenous group in Canada to extract mineral resources on their traditional territory. On June 28th, the team celebrated digging up the first ore with a T-bone steak BBQ for everyone at site.

Rare earths are actually metals. These metals are important because they are needed to reduce the world's carbon footprint and enable the green economy. Rare earths are used for electric vehicles, wind turbines, medical devices, mobile phones, computers and more. The world currently depends on China for most rare earths, and this project is looking to change that. Nechalacho is Canada's first rare earth mine.

Nechalacho is a small mine. It only employs forty people, but the majority are Indigenous. The largest group is from Yellowknives Dene. Det'on Cho Management LP's Human Resources team, led by the Human Resources Manager at Det'on Cho Management LP who provides recruitment support for Nechalacho. Both the Mine Manager and Deputy Mine Manager are Indigenous, and the Environmental



Officer is Cody Drygeese. Seven Yellowknives Dene members are employed as equipment operators and as labourers at Nechalacho.

There have been no lost-time safety or environmental incidents.

In July, Nechalacho will start its sensor-based ore sorter. This sorter separates the rare earths ore from surrounding rock without chemicals and tailings and greatly reduces the amounts of water and diesel used. The sensor-based ore sorter will provide additional local employment opportunities.

Yellowknives Dene members who want to join the next community site visit on July 20th should contact the Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Lena Black at lblack@ykdene.com or by phone at 867-873-4307 ext 2009.



COVID -19 UPDATE

Things are looking brighter these days with news of restrictions being released on a regular basis. That said we should always stay mindful of good habits like thorough hand washing and keeping our workplaces clean to avoid unnecessary spread of germs.

June 21, 2021



Claire Tincombe, Human Environment Specialist with Det'on Cho Environmental / Hemmera presented to the YKDFN Elders Senate on behalf of YKDFN regarding the draft Bathurst Caribou Management Plan.



2001 marks the year when the Northwest Territories celebrated this day as a Statutory territorial holiday.

This past June 21, 2021 will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of Indigenous People's Day!

NORTHERN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the program in 2020 & 2021.

Lesley Ann Evans – June 2020

Year 2019/2020

Keanna Auger – June 2020

Year: 2020/2021

Doreen Lacorne – June 2020

Year: 2020/2021



Scholarships

The following scholarships are now available and are advertised on the Det'on Cho Website.

Det'on Cho Management LP Scholarship - \$1000

We are pleased to announce, Det'on Cho Management LP's five (5) **\$1000.00** scholarships of 2021/2022. These scholarships will go to the Northern Indigenous members who are pursuing post-secondary education.

Det'on Cho Bouwa Whee LP Scholarship - \$1000

Bouwa Whee Catering is offering five (5) **\$1000.00** scholarships to successful candidates who are enrolled in the 2021-2022 school year. It is open to all Northern Indigenous students who are under the Impact Beneficiary Agreement.

Procon Kete Whee Scholarship - \$1500

Kete Whii/Procon Joint Venture is offering five (5) \$1500.00 scholarships to successful candidates. We are currently accepting applications for students enrolled in the 2021/2022 school year.

DEADLINE FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP IS OCTOBER 15, 2021

For applications and for more information, you can contact the Community Liaison, Cheryl Martin at 867-873-6533 or via email at cheryl@detoncho.com

[Emergency Fire Fighters 2021](#)

Det'on Cho Management LP would like to introduce this years Fire Crew Members!



From left to right: Fred Carlson, Trenton Coe, Quintin Mackenzie, Keaton Wellin-Charlo